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# H. J. RES. 51

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to permit the penalty of death for the rape of a child.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2009

Mr. GOHMERT (for himself, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. JORDAN of Ohio, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. FLEMING, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. PITTS, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. POSEY, and Mr. GINGREY of Georgia) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

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1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*  
3       *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-  
4       lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-  
5       stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all  
6       intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when  
7       ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several

1 States within seven years after the date of its submission  
2 for ratification:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “The penalty of death for the rape of a child who  
5 has not attained the age of 12 years does not constitute  
6 cruel and unusual punishment.”.

